

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 37 are pending in this application of which claims 1, 15 and 27 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication that claims 9, 10, 21, 22, 32 and 33 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 to 8, 11 to 20, 23 to 31 and 34 to 37 were rejected over allegedly admitted prior art in view of Chun et al. (U.S. Patent 5,521,992) and Fujimura et al. (U.S. Patent 6,576,888). Regarding this rejection, Applicant notes that Fujimura has an effective filing date of August 17, 2001 (its filing date). The subject application was filed on July 30, 2001, i.e., before the effective filing date of Fujimura. Therefore, Fujimura is not prior art to the subject application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the sole art rejection, which relies on Fujimura, is improper and should be withdrawn.

Since no other issues remain in the application, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

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Enclosed is a \$420 check for a Two-Month Extension of Time Fee. No other fee is believed to be due for this Response; however, if any fees are due, please apply such fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 referencing Attorney Docket 12885-003001.

Respectfully submitted,

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